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1. A train which had been dispatched from Satskorn Railroad station on 21 September returned from Grunow at 0500 hours on 26 September.¹
2. On 25 September, two troop trains carrying 15 JSU-122 MM guns, one JS-1 tank and 14 T-34 tanks passed through Satskorn railroad station enroute from Neuruppin toward Wiesenburg.²
3. On the morning of 27 September, two trains with eight JSU-249 guns, 20 T-34 tanks and 15 BA-64 armored scout cars were seen on the Beelitz-Wiesenburg line enroute toward Wiesenburg.²
4. About 10 troop trains passed through Gotha and proceeded toward Georgenthal, northwest of Ohrdruf, on 25 September. One train with empty SS-type flat cars was seen at the Erfurt railroad station. A similar train was observed at the Apolda railroad station. Loadings were expected to take place at the Kindel training ground after 10 October. The Grossbehringen-Friedrichswerth-Gotha line was to be used. The bridges on this line are being reinforced.³
5. Parachuting from LI-2's was continuously observed at Brandis Airfield between 14 and 21 September. Tanks were seen in the vicinity of the field.⁴

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Comments:

1. The above movement indicates the return of the first elements of the Tenth Guards Tank Division which, on 21 and 22 September, had been transferred on 19 trains from Satskorn, Priort, Wildpark to Cottbus, Peitz, Klinge and Forst. The exercise apparently terminated south of the Grunow railroad station.
2. The movements reported in paragraphs 2 and 3 possibly indicate the initial movements of the Twelfth Guards Tank Division to exercises which are to be

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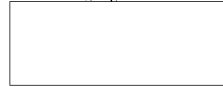
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held in the Wiesenburg-Zerbst-Altengrabow area.

3. According to other information, exercises involving river crossings by tanks probably started in the Erfurt area after 25 September.

4. It can not be determined if these exercises are connected with the fall maneuvers. In 1953, air transport exercises were also held in September. Major parachuting practices were observed at Brandis in July of 1952.



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